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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/784,319	Applicant(s) MELCHORS ET AL.	
	Examiner Dr. Kelechi C. Egwim	Art Unit 1713	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-11 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of group I, claims 1-5 and 12, in the reply filed on 04/22/2005 is acknowledged.
2. In the election, applicant traverses the restriction between the product and process for preparing the product of Group I and the final product 2K coating composition of Group II. The examiner agrees with applicant that there **is** a relationship between the two groups. However, it is not a combination/subcombination as suggested by applicant, but rather an intermediate/final product relationship. Because the final product 2K coating composition is not merely a combination of the product from group I and a crosslinking agent, the relationship does not qualify as a combination/subcombination. There is additional structure in the fact that the components of the 2K coating composition must be present in separate containers, as opposed to a composition where they are simply combined. The final product 2K coating composition is actually a final product of the intermediate product of group I.
3. In any regard, the intermediate product of group I is useful to make other than the final product, such as single container CASE compositions, including adhesives and sealants (MPEP § 806.04(b), 3rd paragraph), and the species are patentably distinct (MPEP § 806.04(h)). The inventions are still deemed patentably distinct since there is

nothing on this record to show the two to be obvious variants. Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions anticipated by the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

4. Claims 6-11 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to nonelected inventions, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Information Disclosure Statement

5. The information disclosure statement filed 02/20/2004 has been considered to the extent that is possible in the English language for those documents not in the English language.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

7. Claims 1-5 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

8. Regarding claim 1, from which the balance of the claims depend, the phrase "in the presence **where appropriate** of vinylically unsaturated monomers" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether or not and to what extent the limitation(s) corresponding to "where appropriate" is actually a required part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

9. Also, claim 1 recites the limitation "at least some of the neutralizable groups". However, there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim since no neutralizable groups are previously identified or defined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

10. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

11. Claims 1-5 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kagerer et al. (WO 200177200).

In US 20030124357, which is the English language translation of WO 200177200, Kagerer et al. teach a process for preparing polyurethane-polyacrylate hybrid dispersions, comprising polymerizing hydroalkyl esters of acrylic acid in the presence of saturated polyurethanes, which may be prepared with functional groups such as hydroxy groups, wherein the polyurethanes have molecular weights from 1500 to 5500 Daltons. (see ¶s, 32-46)

In ¶s 137, Kagerer et al. teach that the reaction product of the acrylic monomers in the presence of polyurethanes may be dispersed in water to form other or secondary dispersions, for applications in various CASE materials.

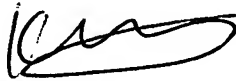
Thus, the requirements for rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) are met.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. Kelechi C. Egwim whose telephone number is (571) 272-1099. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T (7:30-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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